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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a letter for patent filed on March 17th, 2000 in which claims 1-15 are presented for examination. Claims 1-15 are pending in the letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kravitz (U.S. Patent No. 6,029,150).

3. As per claims 1, 3, 5, 9, and 13, Kravitz teaches a transaction processing involving transaction information related to services provided by one of a plurality of vendors (*merchant, 110, customer, 104*) and processed by one of a plurality of service providers (*banks, 108, 122, 118, 120*), a transaction validation system for auditing comprising (*see abstract, figs 1-3, column 7 lines 9-56*) a central processor arrangement programmed and configured to maintain data relating to an authorized profile list criterion that includes information about authorized users empowered to authorize payment by the vendor, and programmed and configured to process the transaction information by determining whether the transaction information satisfies the authorized profile list criterion, and using the authorized profile list criterion to generate

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information for auditing a transaction between the one of a plurality of vendors and the one of a plurality of service providers (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

4. As per claims 2, 4, Kravitz teaches a transaction system wherein the system further includes a means for generating a quotation coupled to the central processor arrangement (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

5. As per claim 6, Kravitz teaches a transaction system wherein the system further includes a means for processing transactions for each of the vendor and the subvendor, the processing transaction means coupled to the central processor arrangement (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

6. As per claim 7, Kravitz teaches a transaction system wherein the system further includes a means for processing transactions for each of the vendor and the service provider, the processing transaction means coupled to the central processor arrangement (*see abstract, figs 1-3, column 7 lines 9-56*).

7. As per claims 8, 12, Kravitz teaches a transaction system wherein the processing transaction means is accessible remotely (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

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8. As per claim 10, Kravitz teaches a transaction further including sending service-related information from an external device and generating a set of transaction information therefrom (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

9. As per claim 11, Kravitz teaches a method for validating a service transaction further including informing the computer arrangement of provision of the service by the service providers, and using the computer arrangement to audit the service transaction and payment thereof in response to the transaction information and the authorized profile list criterion (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

10. As per claims 14, 15, Kravitz teaches a system/method for billing a vendor and subvendor, and paying a service provider and a subvendor for a completed service-related transaction (*see abstract, figs 1-3, column 7 lines 9-56*) comprising means for receiving a set of transaction information including the cost of service from a central processor arrangement; and means for processing a credit account for the vendor, for verifying that the vendor has sufficient credit to fund the cost of service, for indicating when the account for the vendor should be debited, and for indicating when payment to the service provider and subvendor should be tendered, and for notifying a financial institution the cost of service (*see fig3 1-3, summary of the invention, column 11 lines 51-12 lines 28, 22 lines 51-52*).

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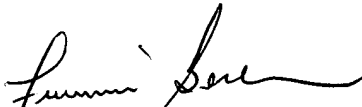
Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*SEE FORM 892*).

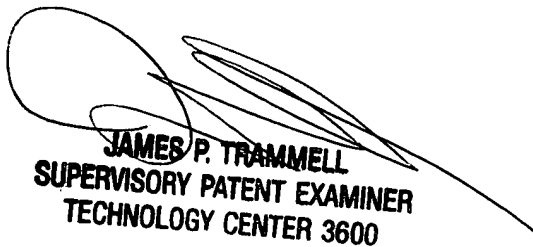
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

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